

# Quantified Self: Analyzing the Big Data of our Daily Life

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A large, curved image of the Earth as seen from space, showing the blue of the oceans, the green of the continents, and white clouds. The curve of the horizon is visible at the top of the image.

Knowledge for Tomorrow

# Introduction

Scientist,  
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German Aerospace Center

Co-Founder, CEO



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Co-Founder



Quantified Self  
Meetup Cologne



## Python User since 1992

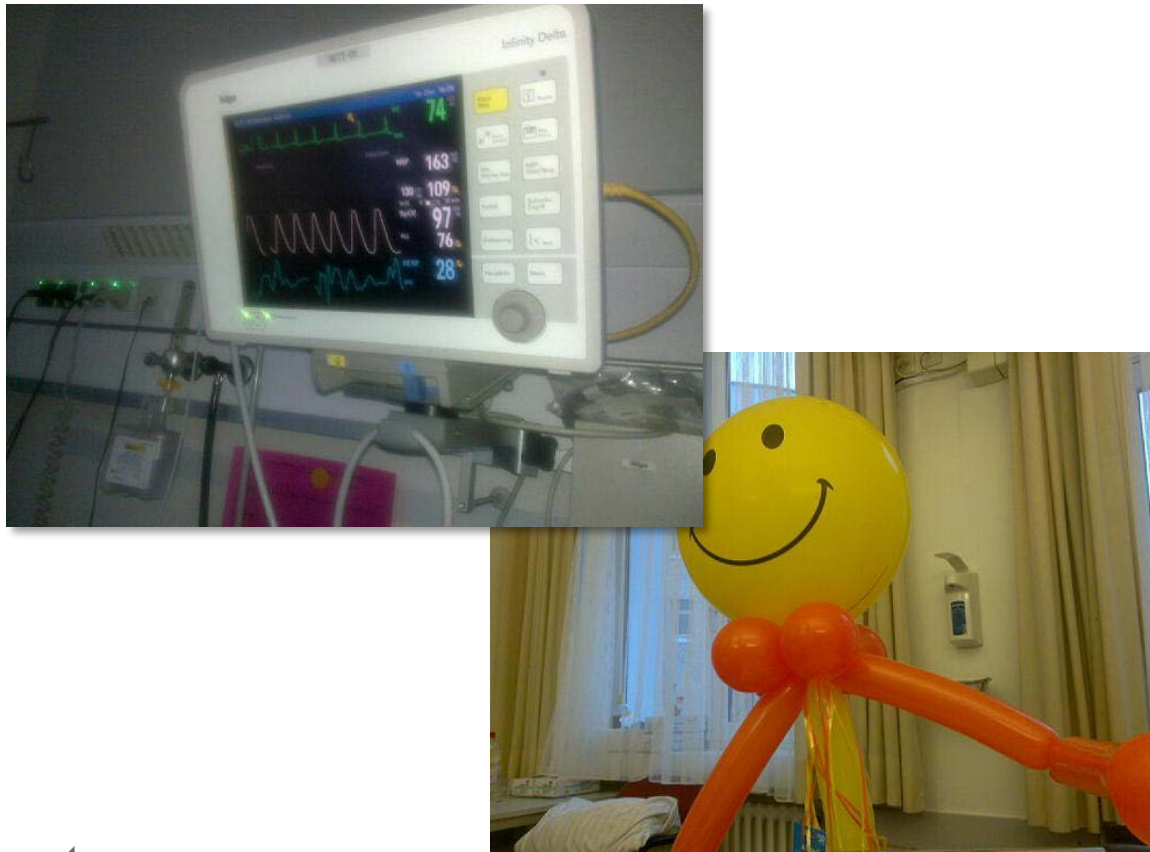




## Related Background

Personal – Stroke 2009

<https://twitter.com/onyame/status/6664357458>



DLR – Telemedicine, AAL, Space medicine





Quantified Self  
self knowledge through numbers



# What is The Quantified Self?

## Self-knowledge through numbers

- Analyze trends and set goals to improve yourself

## Recording of daily activities

- Fitness, sleep, location, ...
- Monitoring and display of information from various devices, services, and applications



# Other Terms

- Self Tracking
- Life Hacking
- Life Logging
- Self Optimization
- ...



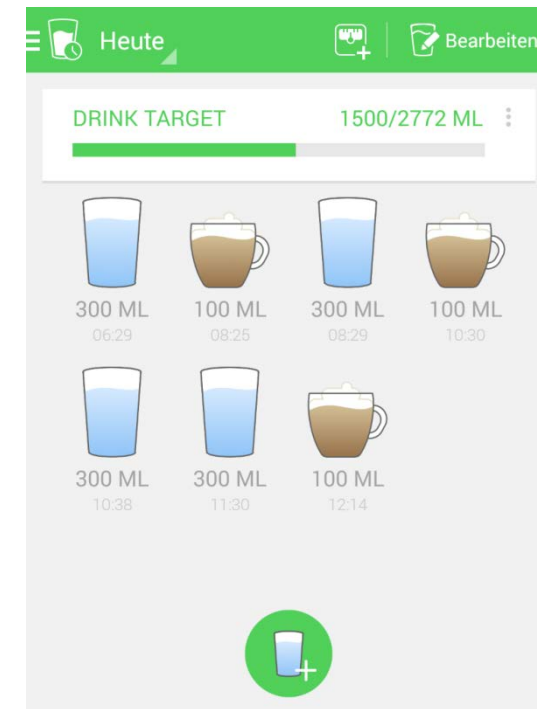
# Self Optimization Example

## Drinking Water



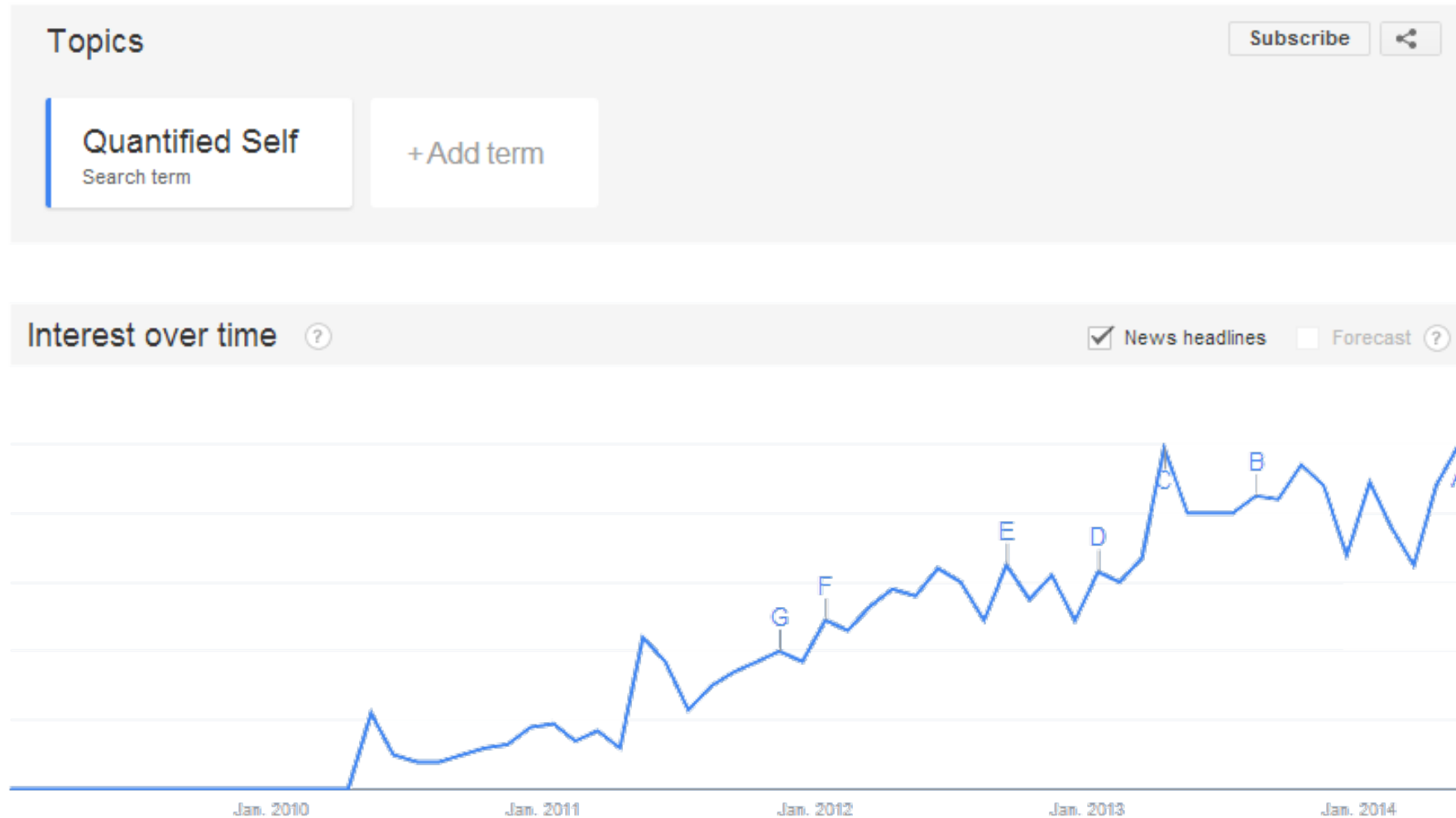
### Optimization task:

- How much water is enough to **not** collapse during the heat period



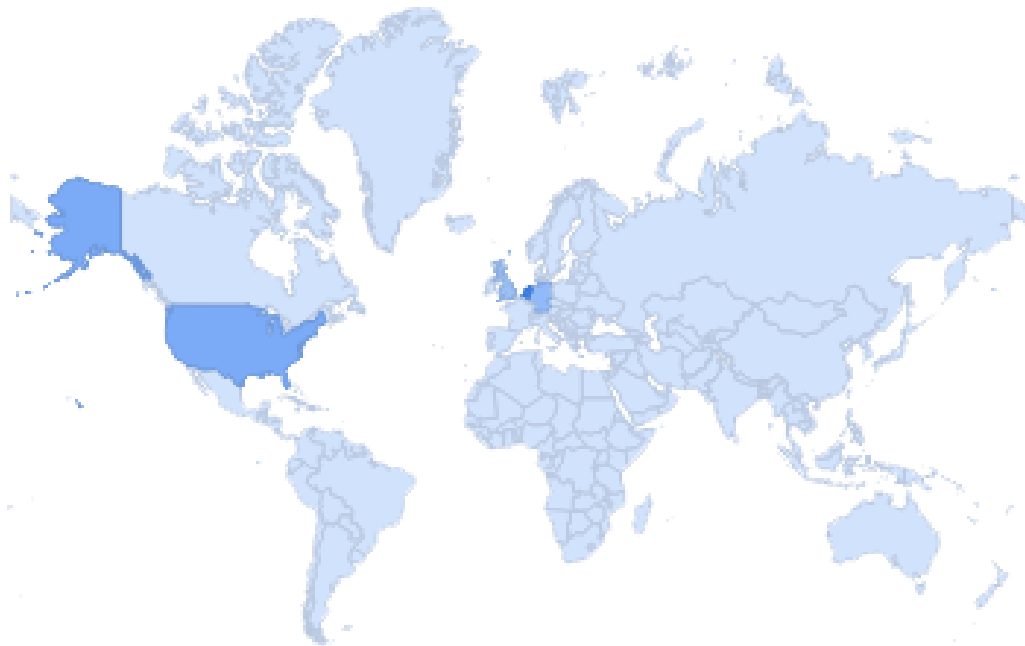


# Google Trends: “Quantified Self”



# Regional Interest

Regional interest ?



		Region   City
Netherlands	100	<div><div></div></div>
United States	59	<div><div></div></div>
Germany	43	<div><div></div></div>
United Kingdom	36	<div><div></div></div>



## Quantified Self Meetups

### Quantified Self Meetup Groups



Groups	Members	Interested	Cities	Countries
169	31,502	8,550	121	38

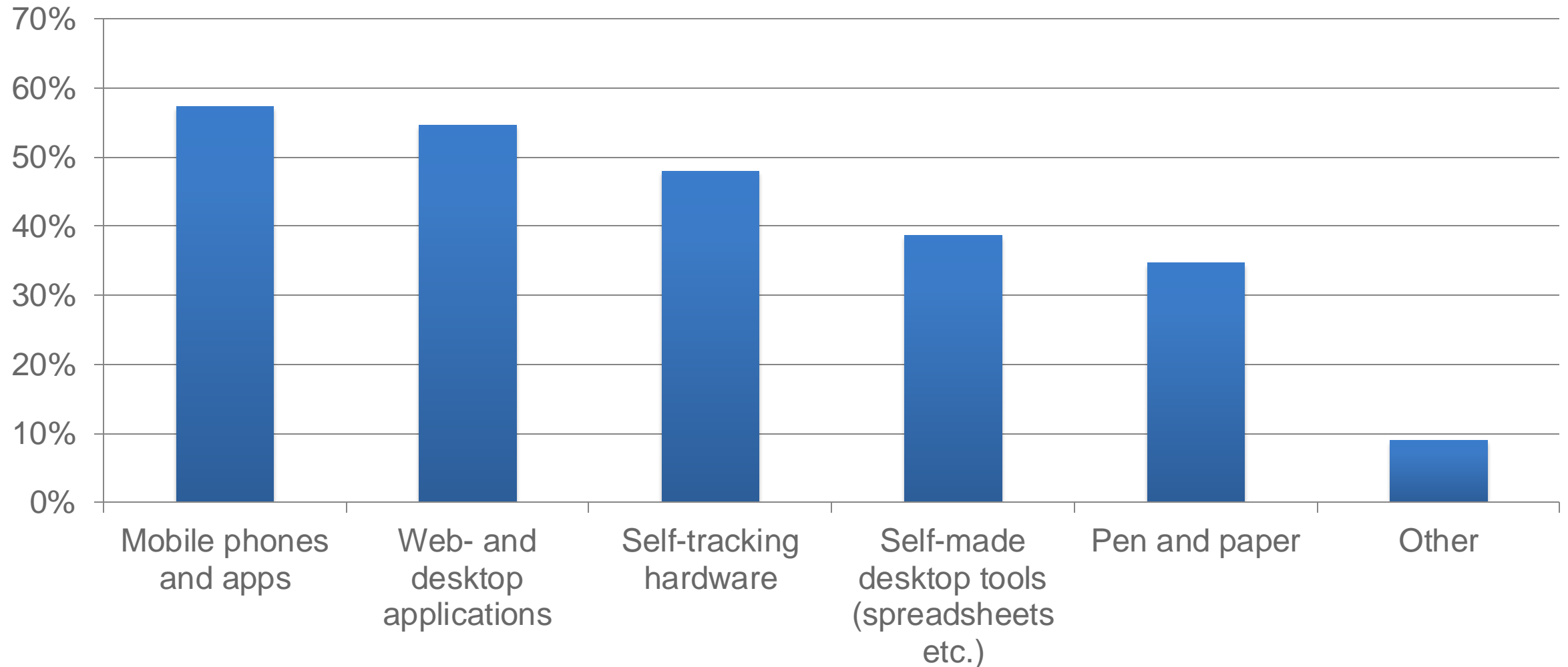
<http://quantified-self.meetup.com>

## Objects of Tracking



# Technologies for Self-Tracking

## Deployed technologies for self-tracking



Source: Marcia Nißen, Quantified Self – An Exploratory Study on the Profiles and Motivations of Self-Tracking, Bachelor Thesis (2013)





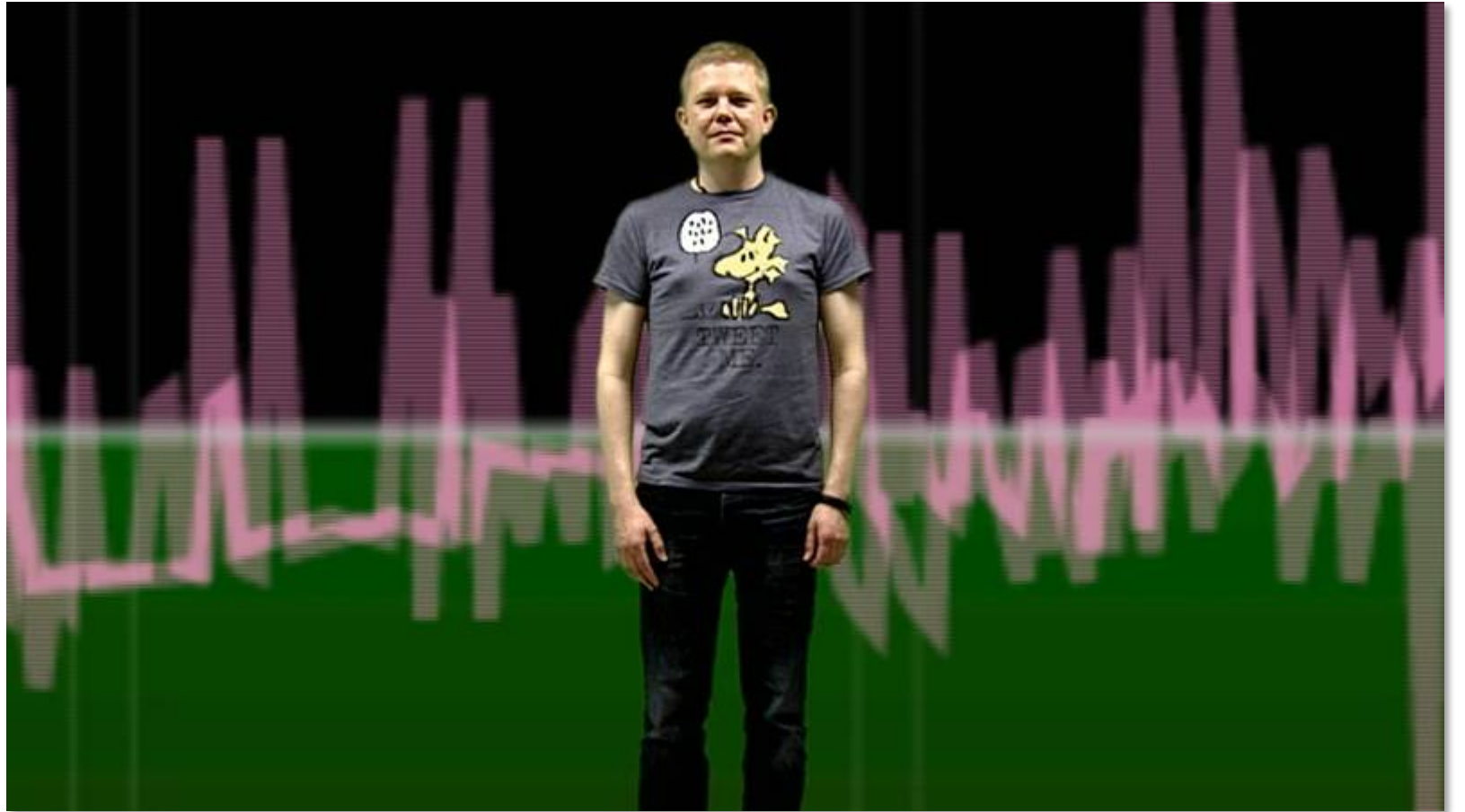


## Rise of the Wearables



# My Self Tracking

- With sensors
- With smartphone apps



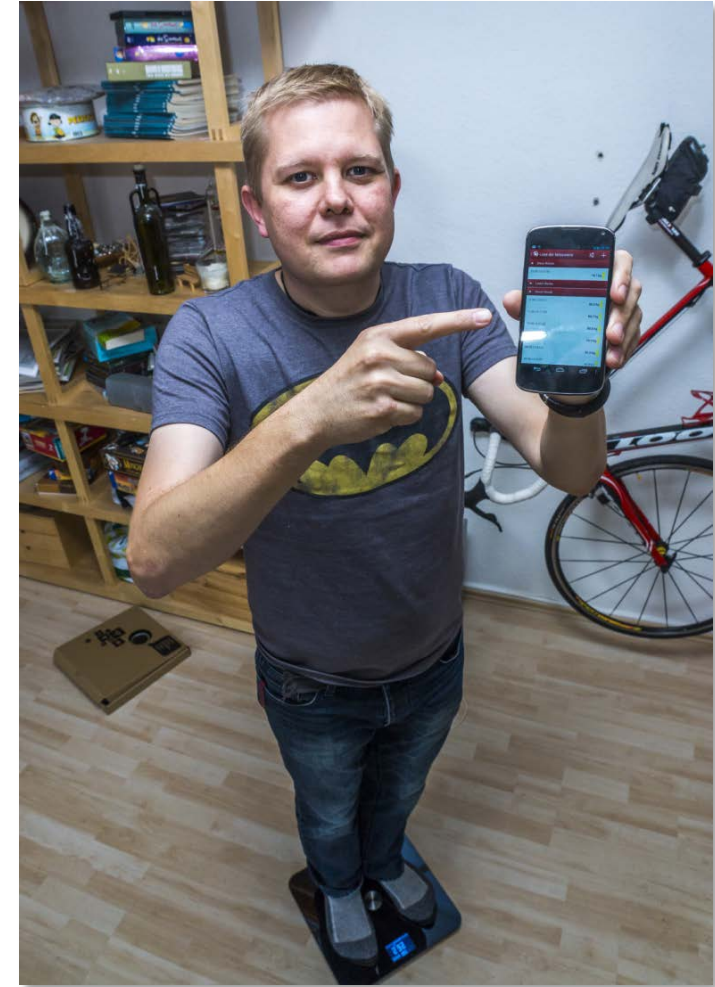
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## Steps (Fitbit)





# Weight (Withings)

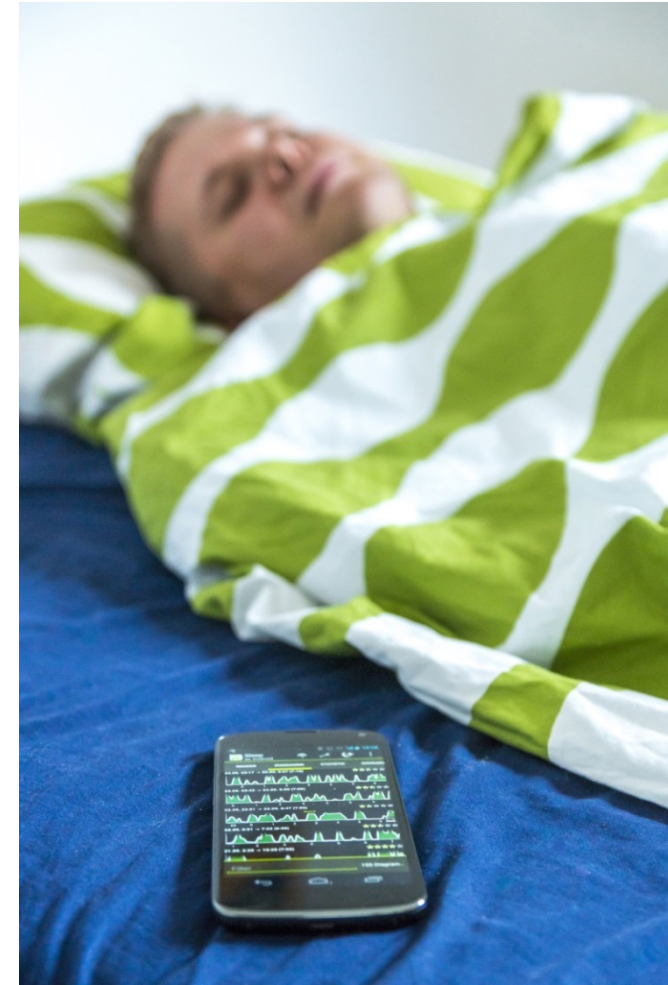
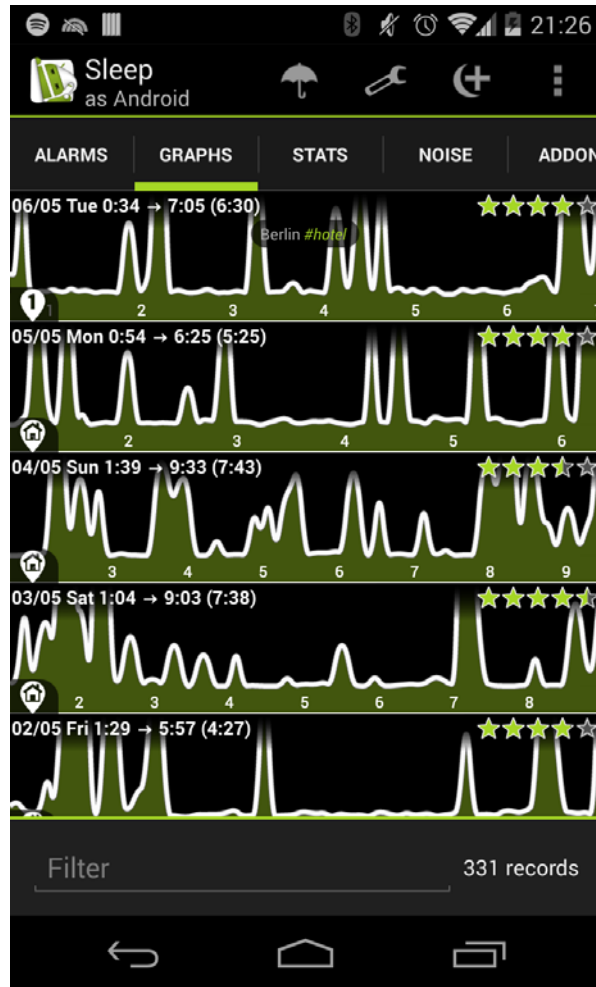


## Stress (W/Me)

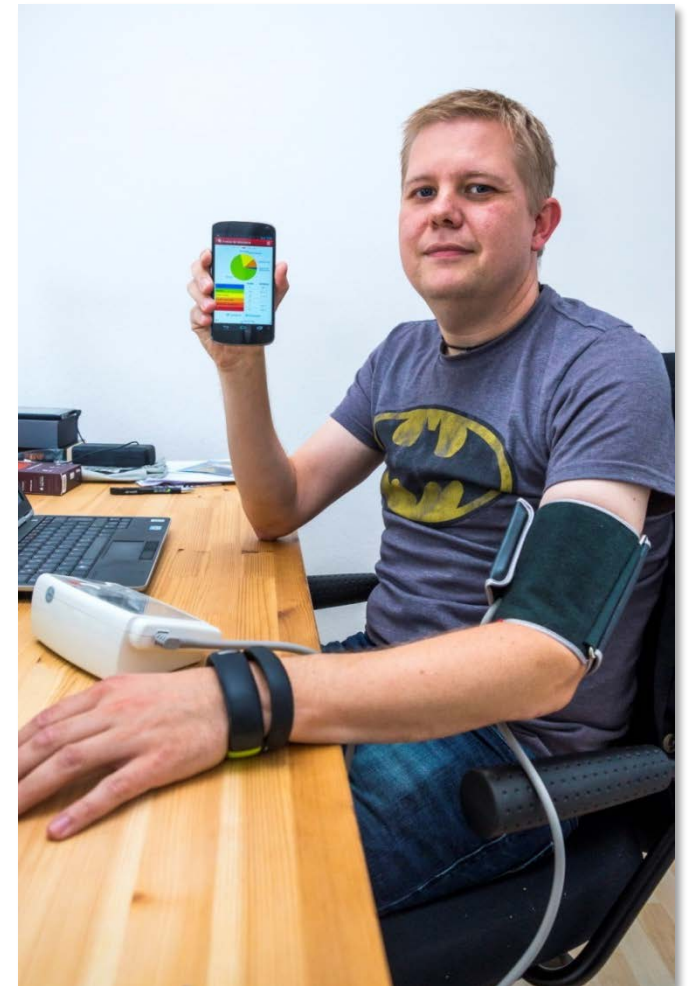
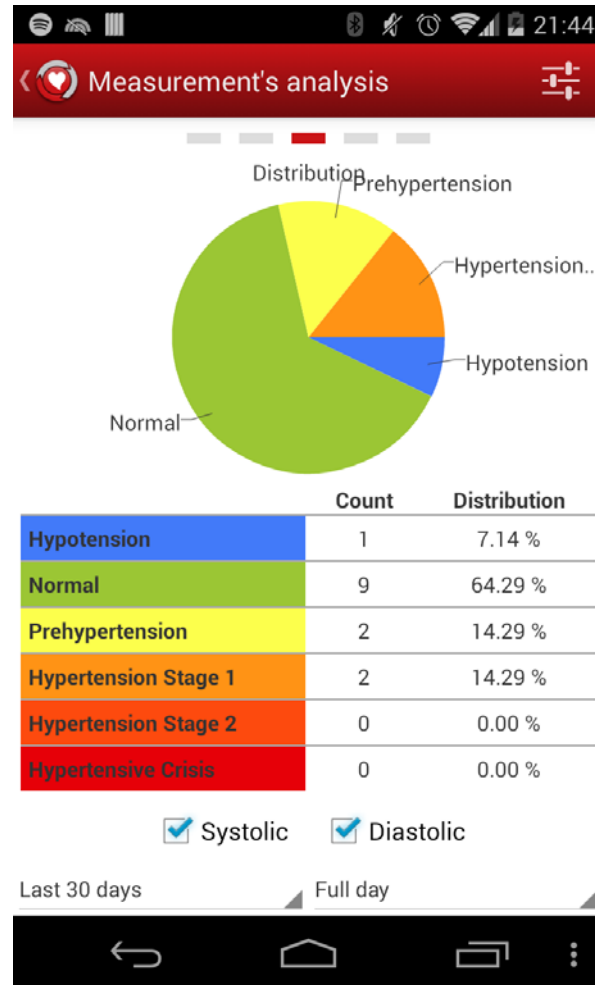
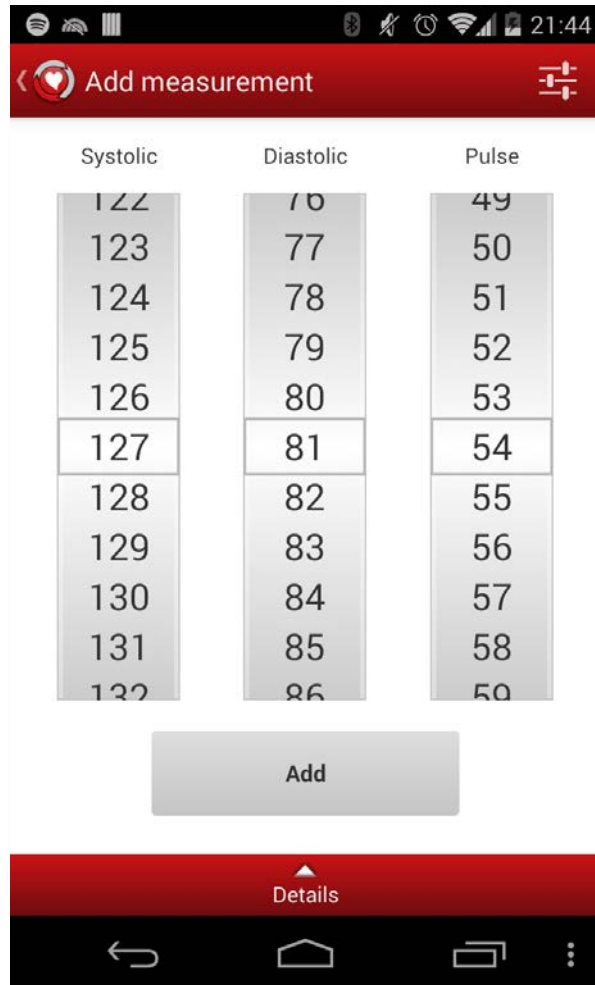




# Sleep (Sleep as Android)



# Blood Pressure (BloodPressureCompanion)



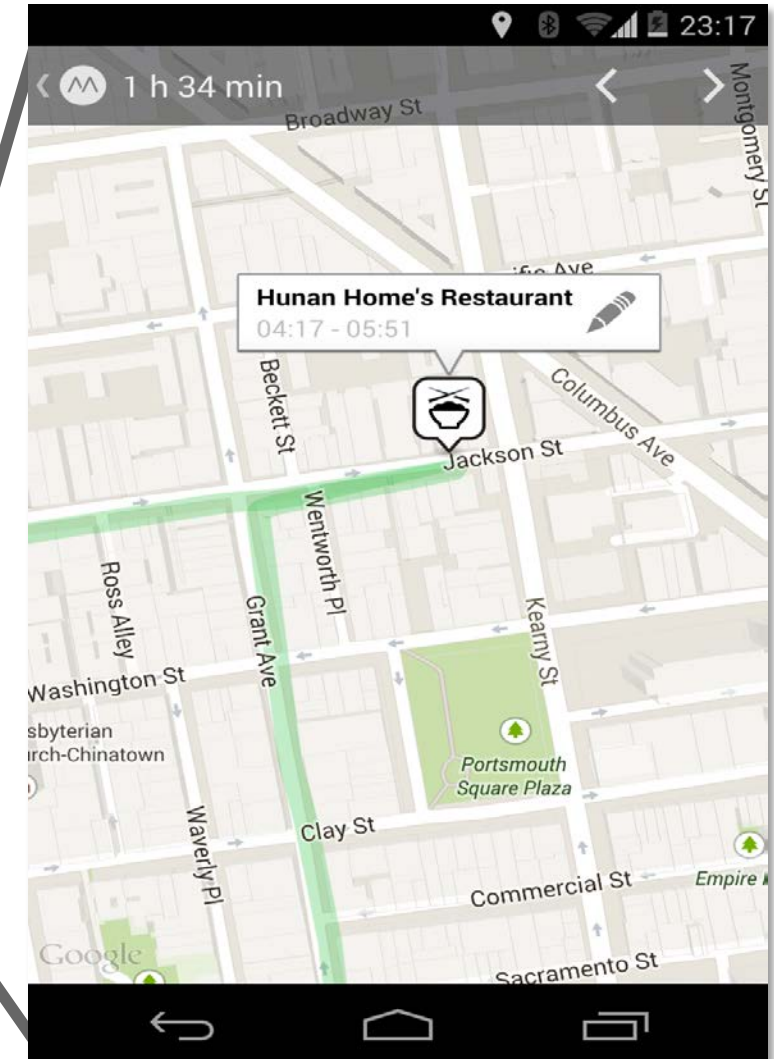
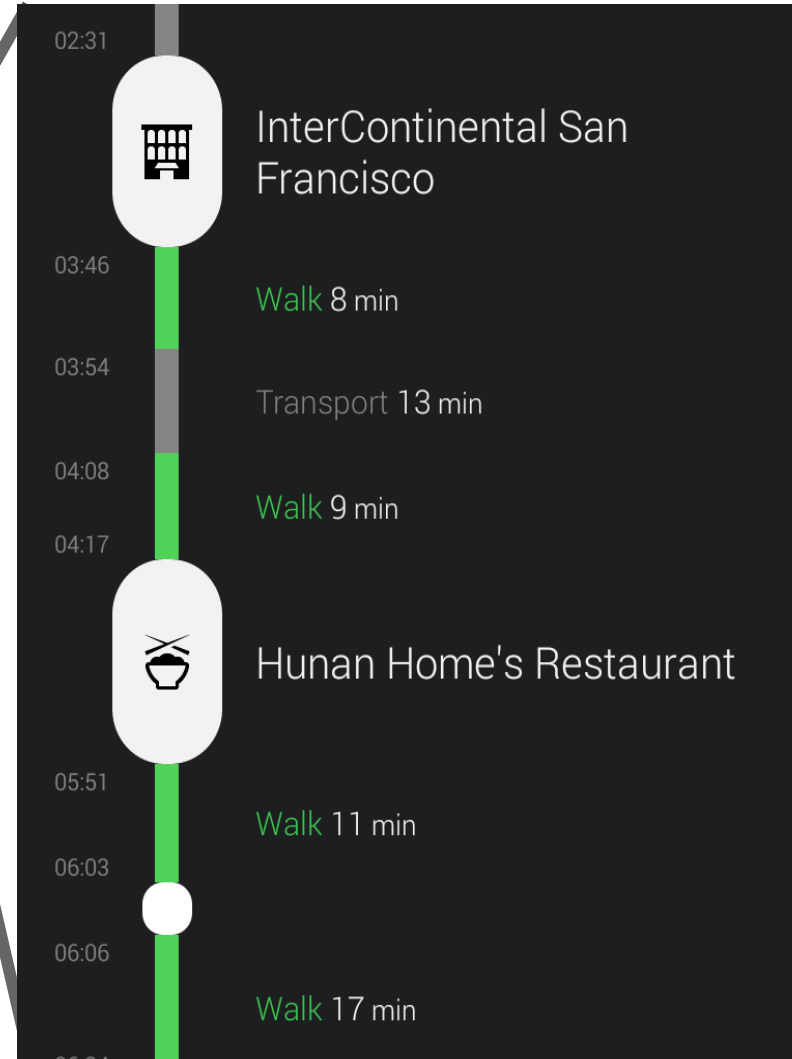
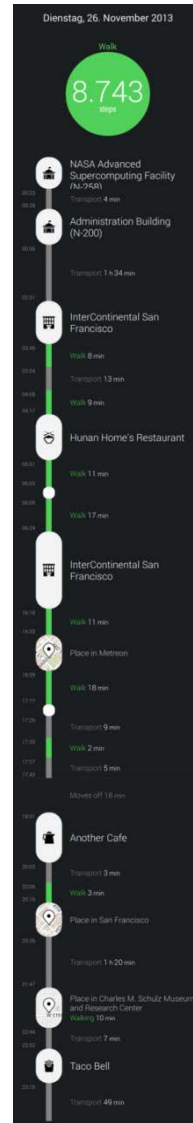
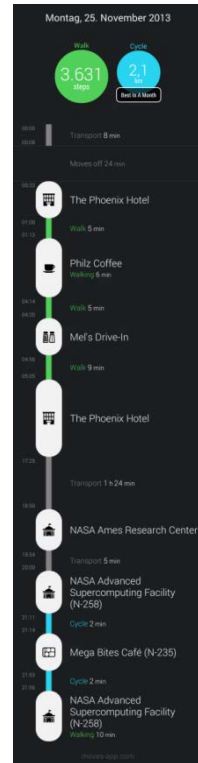
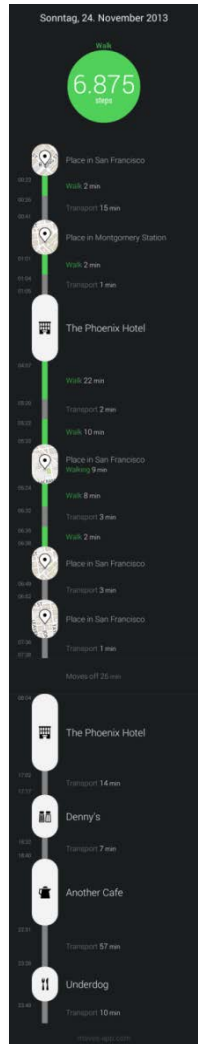
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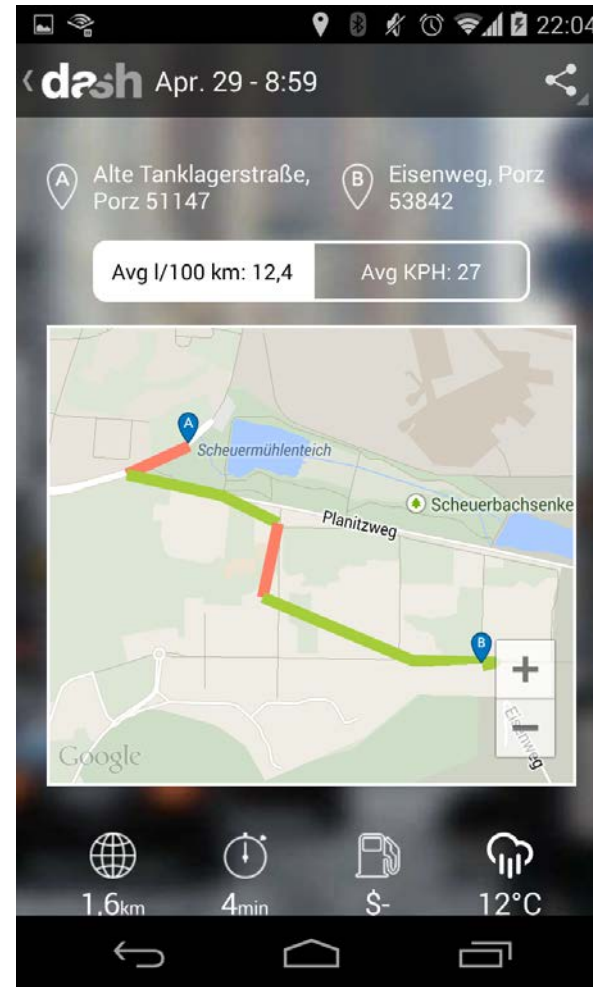
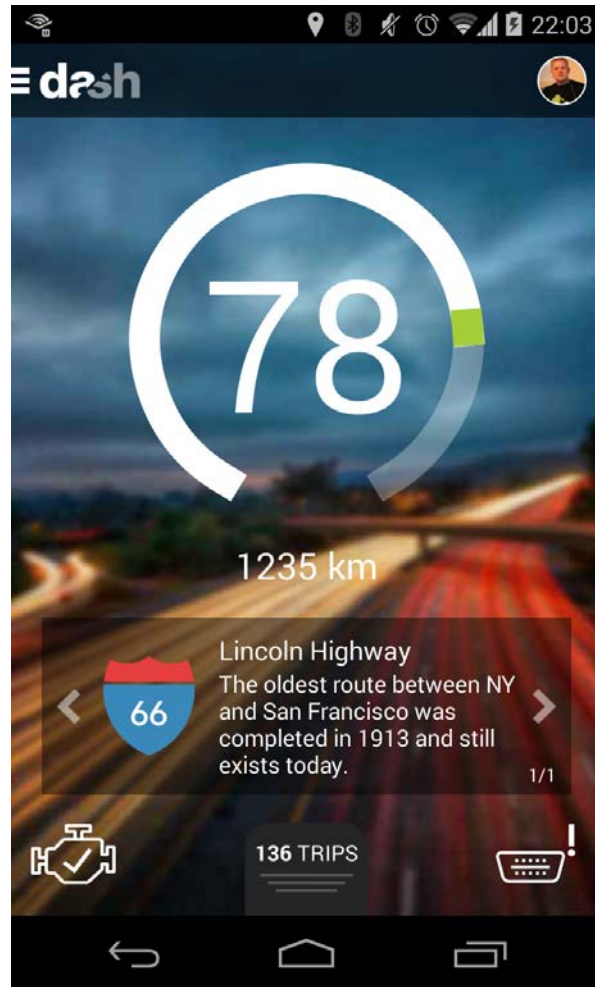
Source: WDR/Servicezeit, <http://bit.ly/DigitaleSelbstvermessung>



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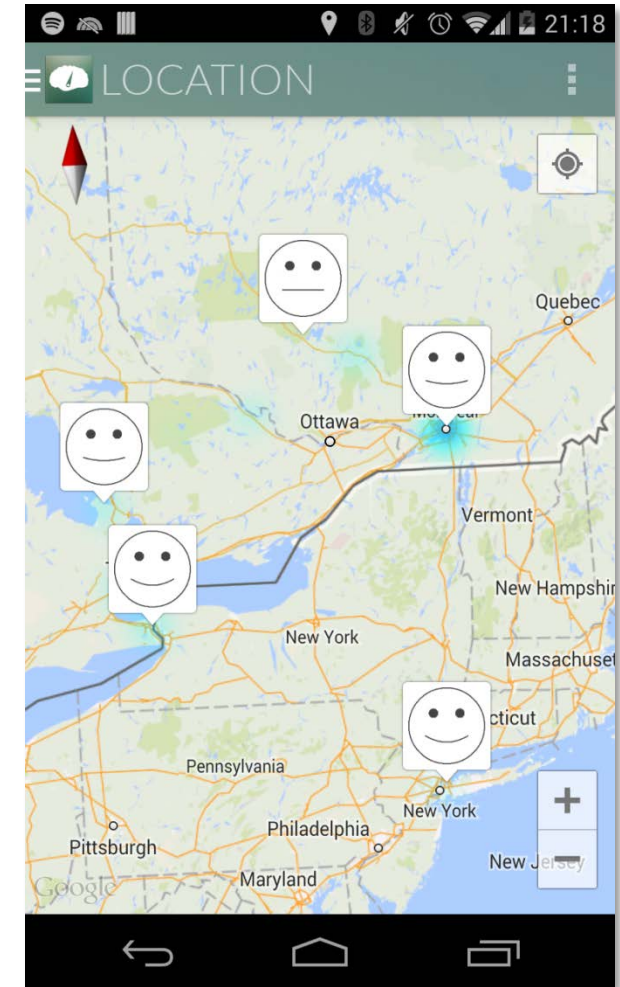
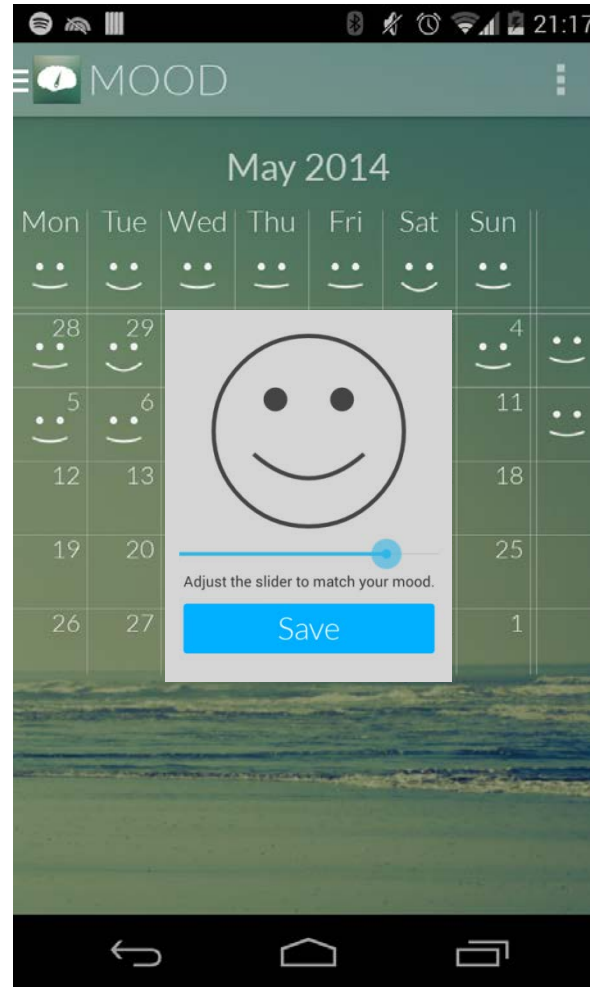
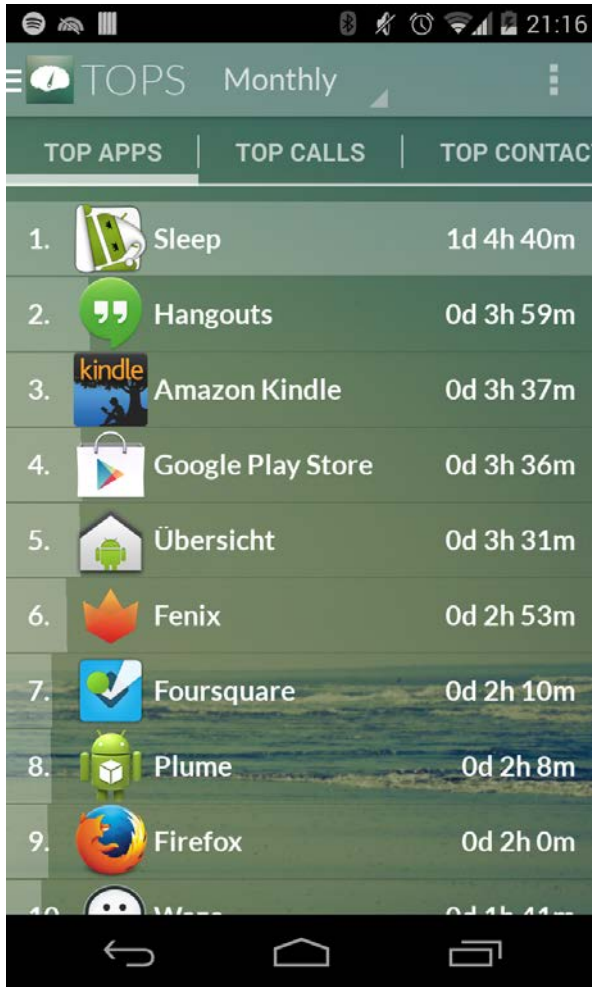


# Car (Dash)

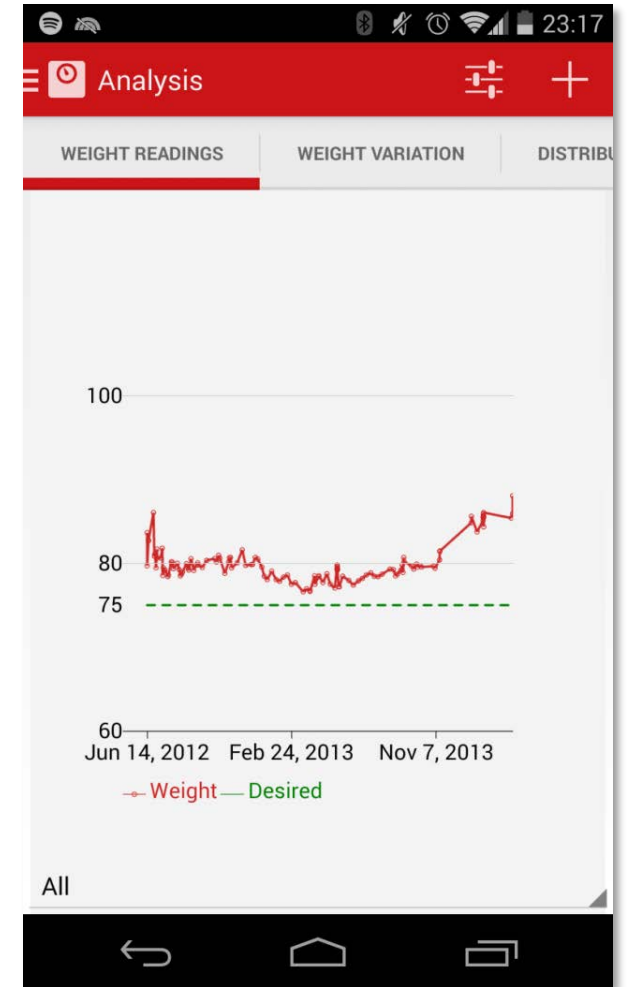
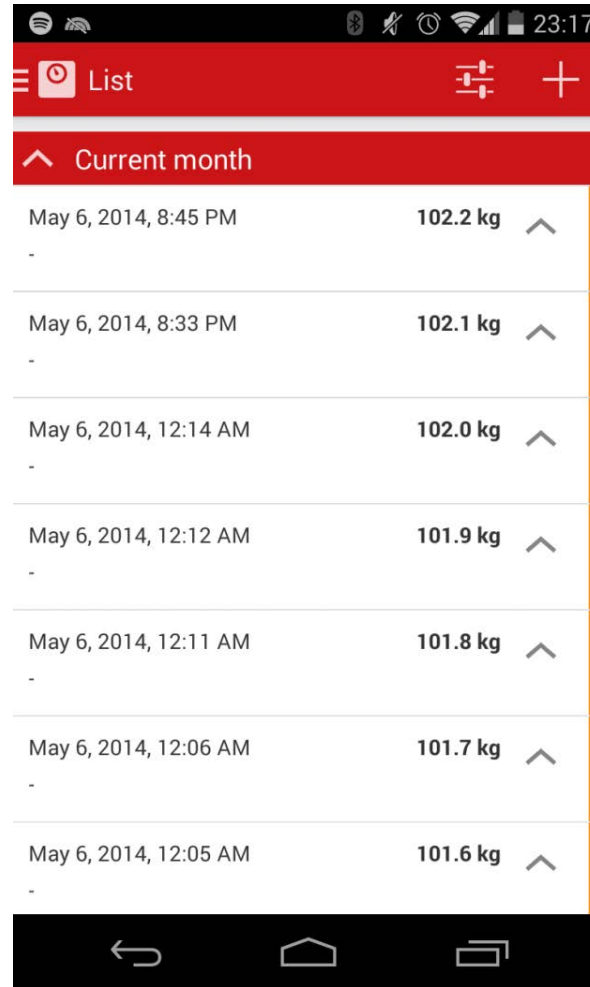
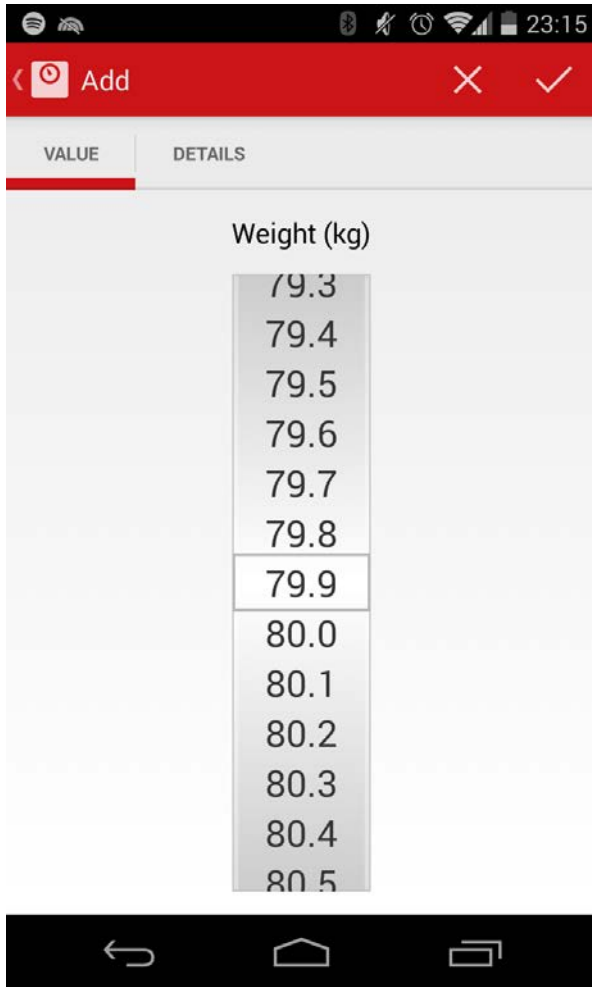





# Mobile Phone Usage & Well-being (*Mentha*)





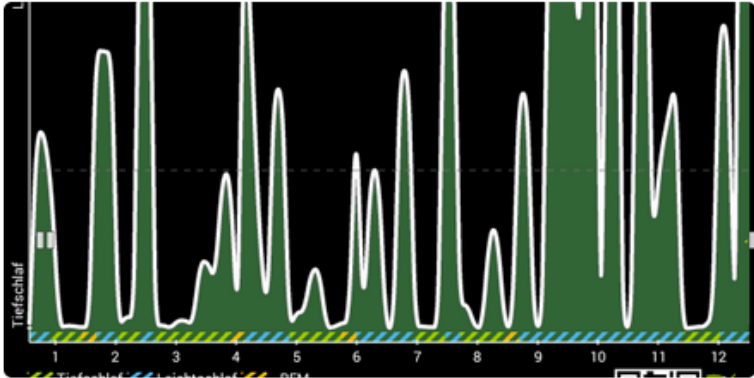
# Weight (*WeightCompanion*)



# Sharing

**Vitalwerte** @vitalwerte\_as 1 Dez  
Meine Fitbit [#Fitstats\\_DE](#) für 11/30/2013: 6.816 Schritte und 5 km zurückgelegt. [fitbit.com/user/22X4YM](http://fitbit.com/user/22X4YM)  
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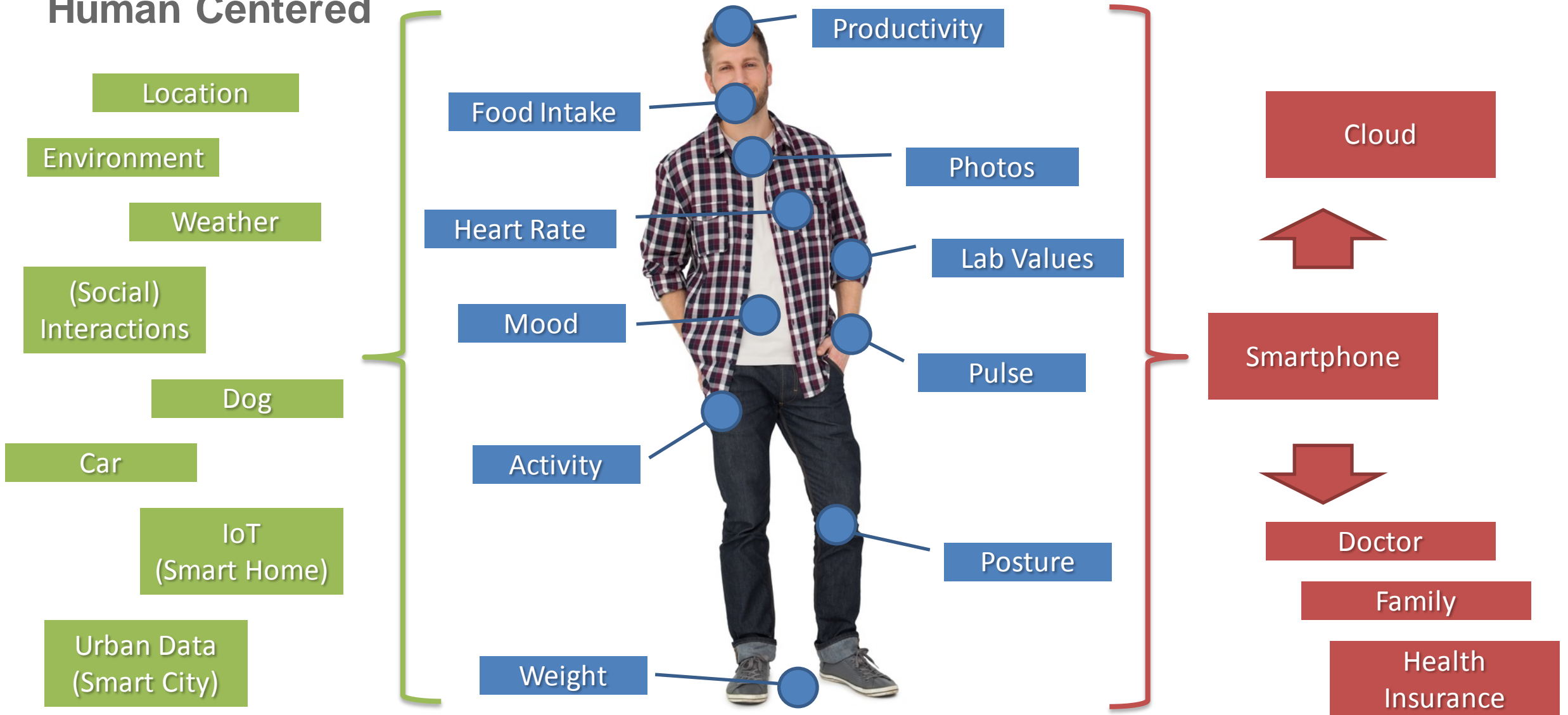


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# The Data

A high-resolution satellite image of the Earth, showing a curved horizon. The image captures a large portion of the African continent, including the Sahara Desert, and the surrounding oceans. The colors are vibrant, with deep blues for the water and various shades of green and brown for the landmasses.

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# Data Sources

## Heterogeneous data sources

- Data from Wearables and other devices
- Data from smartphone apps
- Environmental data
- Social data
- IoT and urban data (smart home, smart car, smart city, ...)

## Heterogeneous storage

- Local files and databases (smartphone, device, desktop app)
- Cloud



# Accessing Local and Distributed Data Sources

## Export of files

- Most apps and web services allow file export (CSV, Excel, JSON, ...)

## APIs

- Some vendors store data in their cloud only
- Access via vendor APIs

## Unfortunately...

- Some (good) apps don't have any export functionality or API
- APIs are very dissimilar for different vendors



# Web Frontend

## Withings

Weight

All time

Print

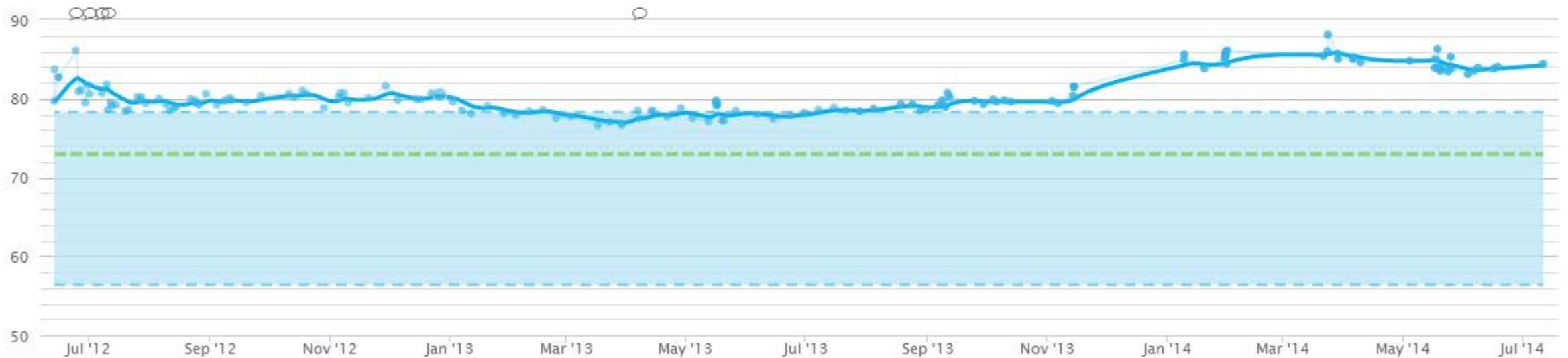
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**80.5**  
kg

**25.7**  
BMI ⓘ

Wednesday  
Dec 26 2012  
3:44 PM



☒ desired weight

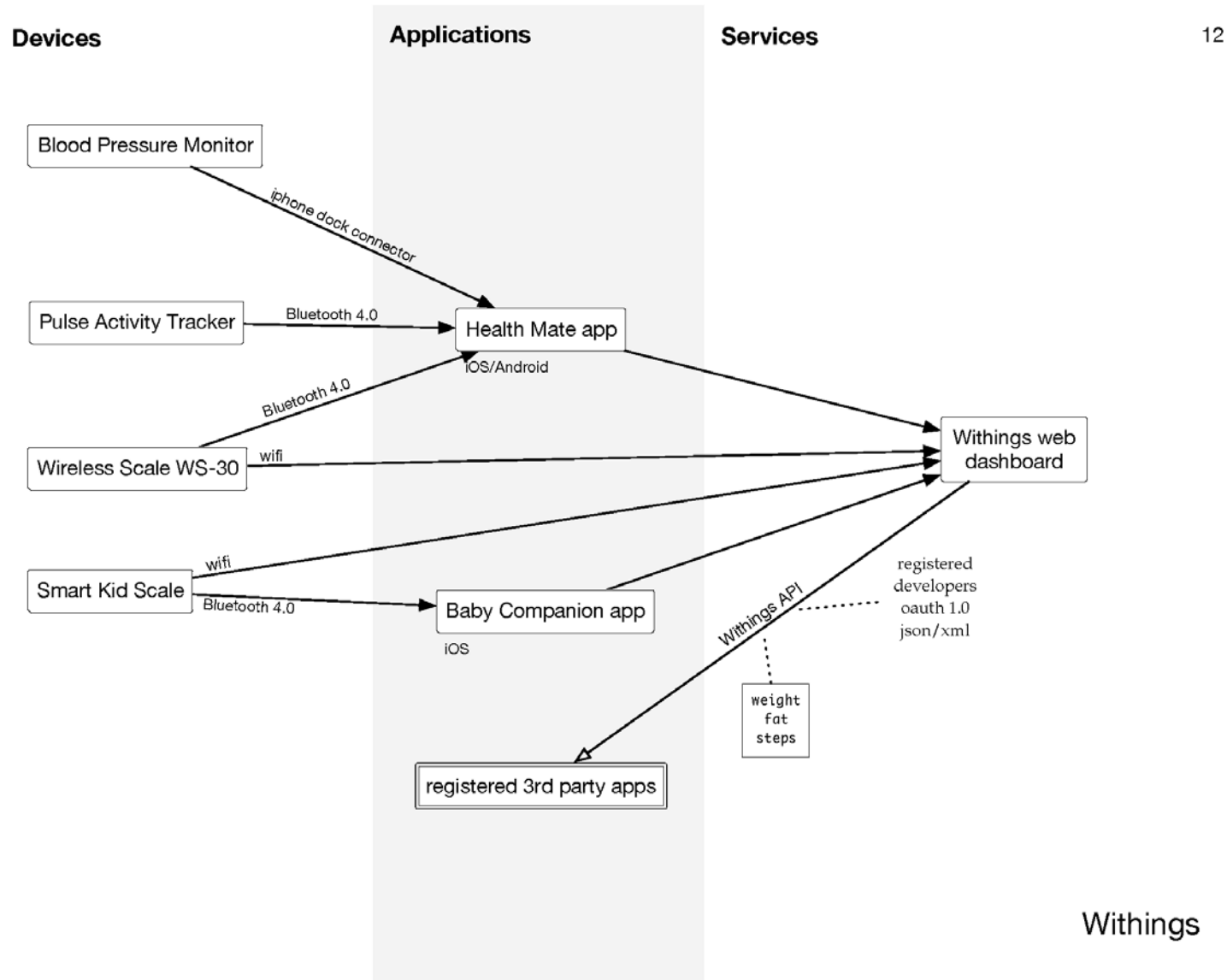
☒ normal range ⓘ

Measurement frequency



# API Diagram

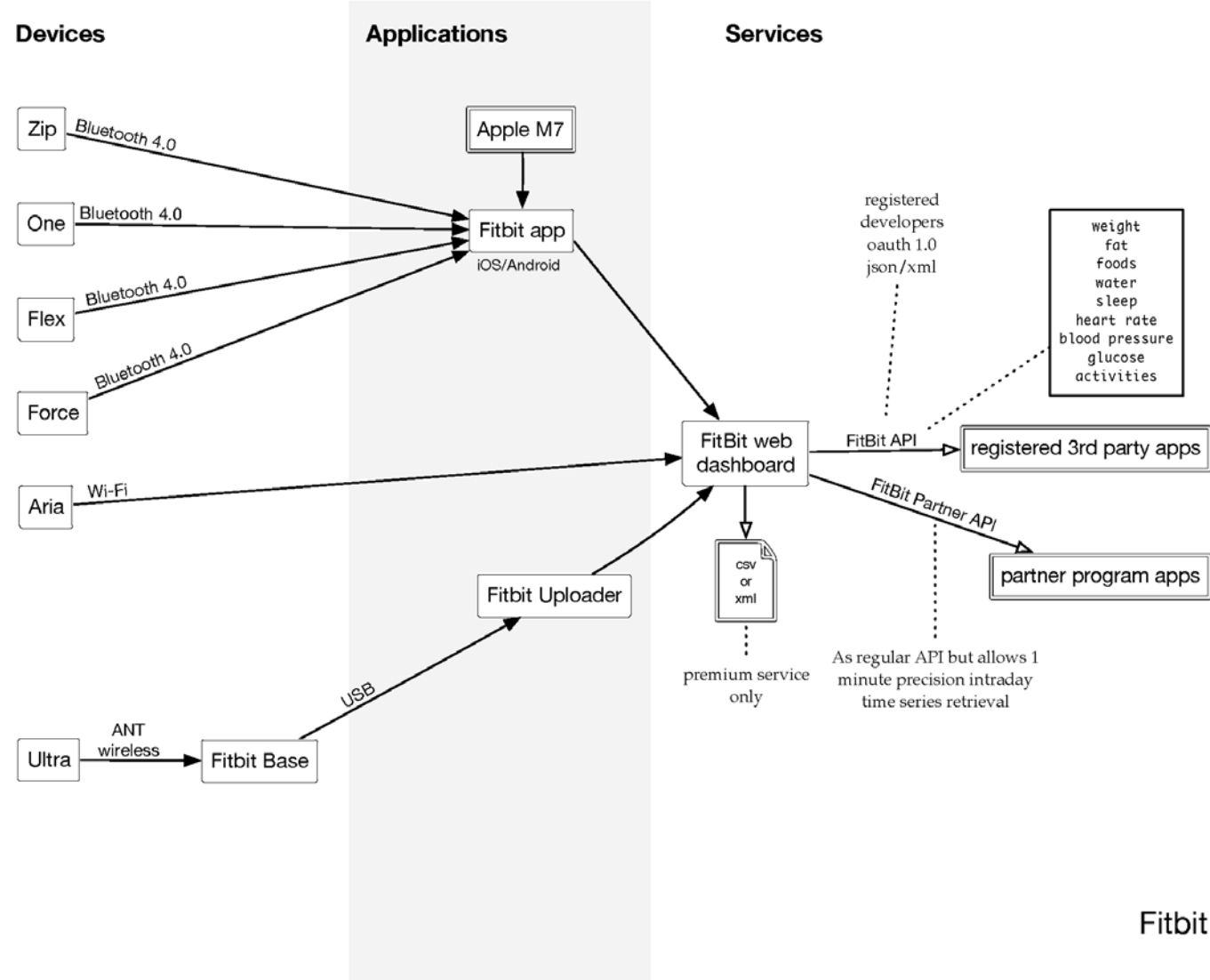
## Withings



Source: <https://forum.quantifiedself.com/thread-breakout-mapping-data-access>

# API Diagram

## Fitbit



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# Example

## Fitbit

IP[y]: Notebook Fitbit Steps Last Checkpoint: Jul 25 23:48 (autosaved)

File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Help

Code Cell Toolbar: None

### Fitbit Steps

```
In [1]: from fitbit import Fitbit
import pandas as pd
from pandas import DataFrame, Series
import simplejson as json

In [2]: user_id = '22X4YM'
access_token_secret = '631063ab83b6b9'
access_token = 'ba74b530'
consumer_key = 'df79a160'
consumer_secret = '5c1240d516252'

In [3]: fitbit_client = Fitbit(consumer_key, consumer_secret, user_key=access_token, user_secret=access_token_secret)

In [14]: user_profile = fitbit_client.user_profile_get(user_id=user_id)
print user_profile

{'user': {'weight': 77, 'memberSince': u'2012-05-26', 'locale': u'de_DE', 'strideLengthWalking': 73.5, 'height': 177, 'strideLengthRunning': 92.10000000000001, 'glucoseUnit': u'METRIC', 'timezone': u'Europe/Berlin', 'avatar150': u'https://d6y8zfzc2qfsl.cloudfront.net/8A3C66FA-61D2-5D41-97D9-A1140AFD7B0C_profile_150_square.png', 'dateOfBirth': u'1970-06-08', 'foodsLocale': u'de_DE', 'distanceUnit': u'METRIC', 'heightUnit': u'METRIC', 'offsetFromUTCMillis': 7200000, 'fullName': u'Andreas Schreiber', 'startDayOfWeek': u'MONDAY', 'displayName': u'Andreas', 'gender': u'MALE', 'weightUnit': u'METRIC', 'avatar': u'https://d6y8zfzc2qfsl.cloudfront.net/8A3C66FA-61D2-5D41-97D9-A1140AFD7B0C_profile_100_square.png', 'waterUnit': u'METRIC', 'country': u'DE', 'encodedId': u'22X4YM'}}
```



# Example

## Fitbit

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Get values from Fitbit

See https://wiki.fitbit.com/display/API/API-Get-Time-Series

In [6]: ts = fitbit_client.time_series('activities/steps', period='6m')

In [7]: steps_dict = {}
        for step in ts['activities-steps']:
            steps_dict[step['dateTime']] = int(step['value'])

In [13]: steps = Series(steps_dict, name='Steps')
         steps.head()

Out[13]: 2014-01-21    15686
         2014-01-22     9674
         2014-01-23    13849
         2014-01-24    14562
         2014-01-25    15015
         Name: Steps, dtype: int64

In [9]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import seaborn as sns

In [10]: plt.figure(); steps.plot(label='Steps'); plt.legend(loc='best')

Out[10]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1095c9810>
```

# Example

## Fitbit



# Homogenizing the Data

## Different data formats

- Almost every app and every Wearable has its own format!
- No standardization
- No access to raw data
- Best practice: Import into pandas DataFrame, then work with it



# Example

## TapLog Data

latitude, longitude, altitude, accuracy, gpstime, street, city, state, country, zip, samples, \_id, timestamp, DayOfYear, DayOfMonth, DayOfWeek, TimeOfDay, catOne, catTwo, catThree, number, rating, note

```
"50.92", "6.95982", "0", "31.544", "07/21/2014 08:18", "Bonner Straße 7", "Köln", "no data", "DE", "50677", "2", "1517", "21.07.2014 08:18", "202", "21", "Montag", "8.3083333333333334", "Kaffee", , , , ,  
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```





# Example

## Fitbit Data

### Aktivitäten

Datum, Verbrannte Kalorien, Schritte, Strecke, Stockwerke, Minuten im Sitzen, Minuten mit leichter Aktivität, Minuten mit relativ hoher Aktivität, Minuten mit sehr hoher Aktivität, Aktivitätskalorien

```
"01-04-2013", "2.439", "0", "0", "0", "1.440", "0", "0", "0", "0"  
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"03-04-2013", "2.324", "8.068", "5,93", "8", "1.224", "106", "87", "23", "902"  
"04-04-2013", "2.805", "17.190", "12,63", "23", "1.135", "113", "128", "64", "1.485"  
"05-04-2013", "2.264", "6.811", "5,01", "3", "1.237", "111", "73", "19", "826"  
"06-04-2013", "2.507", "11.261", "8,28", "18", "1.208", "93", "99", "40", "1.118"  
"07-04-2013", "2.988", "19.962", "14,67", "31", "1.076", "117", "187", "60", "1.737"  
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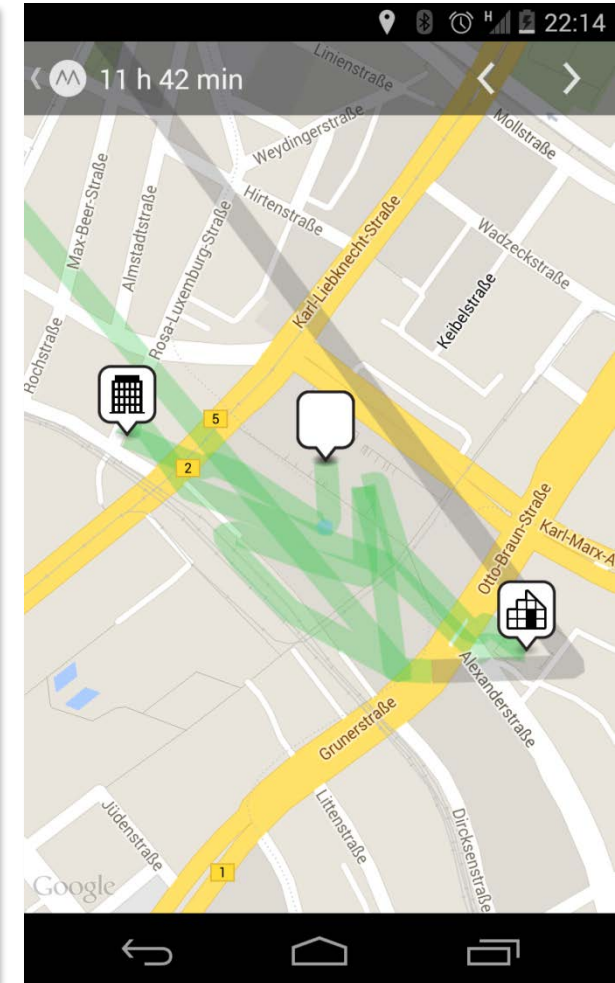
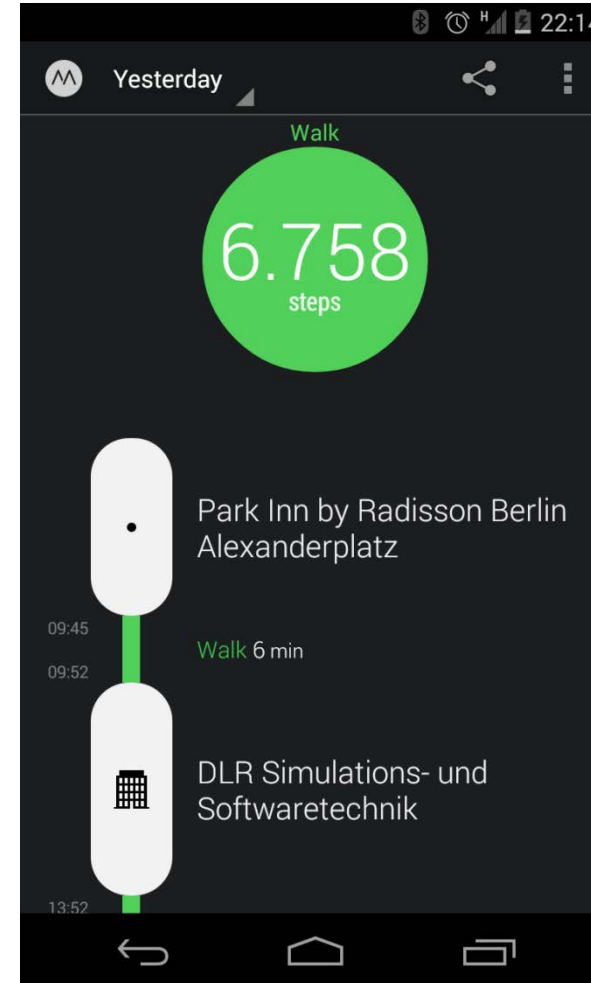


# Example

## Moves Data

### Exports many formats

- CSV, geojson, georss, gpx, ical, json, kml
- daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, full
- **Different number of files for each format**
  - For CSV: activities, places, storyline, summary



# Moves Data

places.csv

**Date,Name,Start,End,Duration,Latitude,Longitude,Category,Link**

```
24.07.14,Park Inn by Radisson Berlin Alexanderplatz,2014-07-24T00:00:00+02:00,2014-07-24T09:45:33+02:00,35133,52.52276232628325,13.412772417068481,,
24.07.14,DLR Simulations- und Softwaretechnik,2014-07-24T09:52:06+02:00,2014-07-24T13:52:57+02:00,14451,52.52304792183411,13.409121930599213,,
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24.07.14,Park Inn by Radisson Berlin Alexanderplatz,2014-07-24T17:53:11+02:00,2014-07-24T18:07:40+02:00,869,52.52276232628325,13.412772417068481,,
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```



# Moves Data

## activities.csv

Date,Activity,Group,Start,End,Duration,Distance,Steps,Calories

```
24.07.14,walking,walking,2014-07-24T09:17:35+02:00,2014-07-24T09:20:33+02:00,178,0.134,159,0
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24.07.14,transport,transport,2014-07-24T18:14:47+02:00,2014-07-24T18:21:49+02:00,422,2.593,0,0
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```





# Moves Data

## storyline.csv

**Date,Type,Name,Start,End,Duration**

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24.07.14,move,walking,2014-07-24T09:45:33+02:00,2014-07-24T09:52:06+02:00,393

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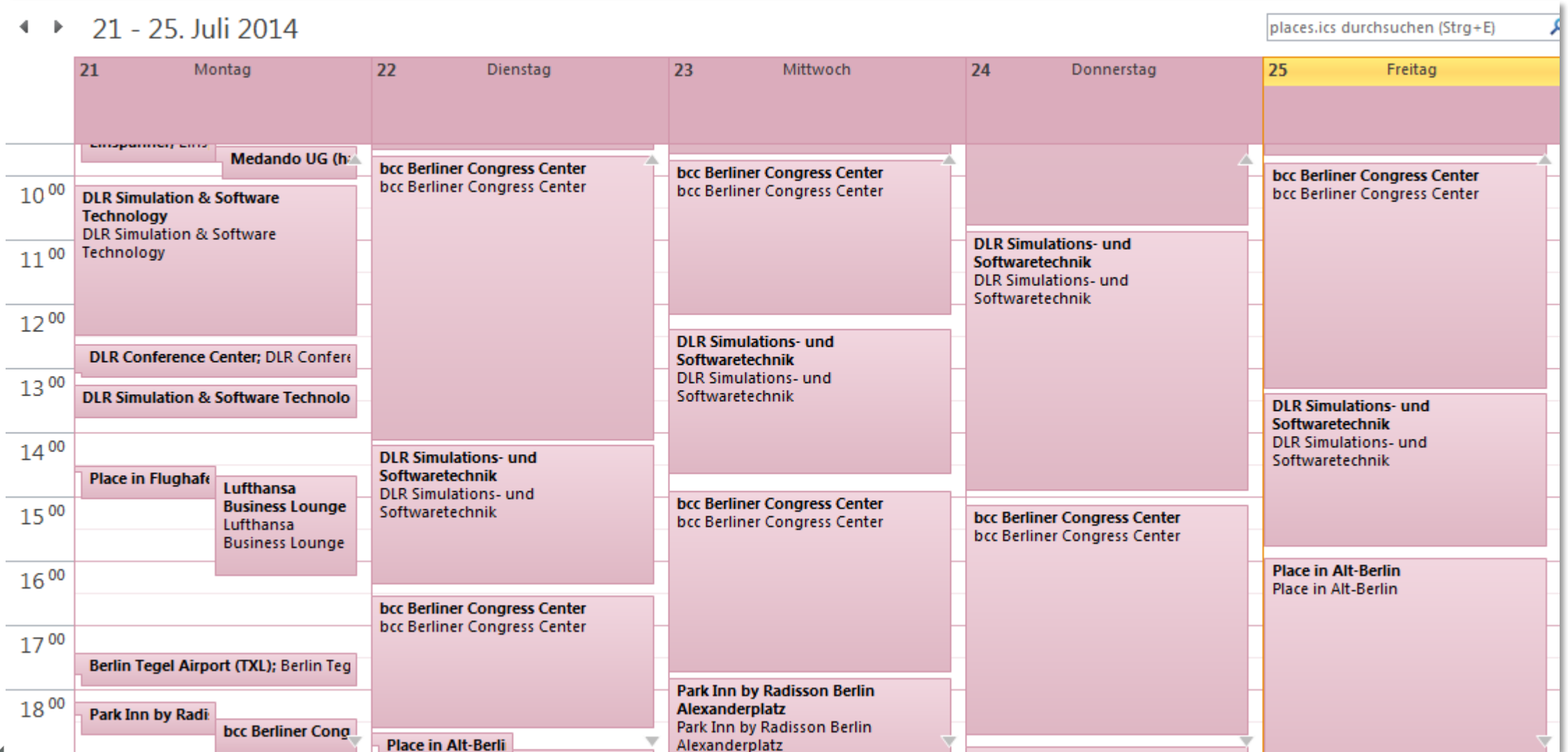
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# Moves Data: Places in Outlook (ical)



# Example

## Date Formats

Luckily, **pandas** can already handle many of these!

- Example:

2014-07-24T09:17:35+02:00

"2014-03-23 21:35 Uhr"

"01-04-2013"

21.04.2012,23:16

"07/21/2014 08:18"

"Europe/Amsterdam", "25. 07. 2014 0:11"

```
pandas.read_csv("filename.csv",  
                parse_dates=True  
                dayfirst=True  
                parse_dates=[[0, 1]]  
)
```



# Analyzing and Visualizing the Data

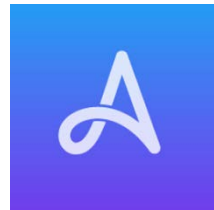
## Data analytics and visualization is essential to get insights

- What does the data mean?
- How does data correlate to some other data?
- What can I learn for my self?

Currently, many web sites for analytics and visualization arise

zenobase

zenobase.com



addapp.io

PrYv<sup>BETA</sup>

pryv.com



traqs.me

fluxtream

fluxstream.org





# Exploring the Data with Python, IPython, pandas, ...

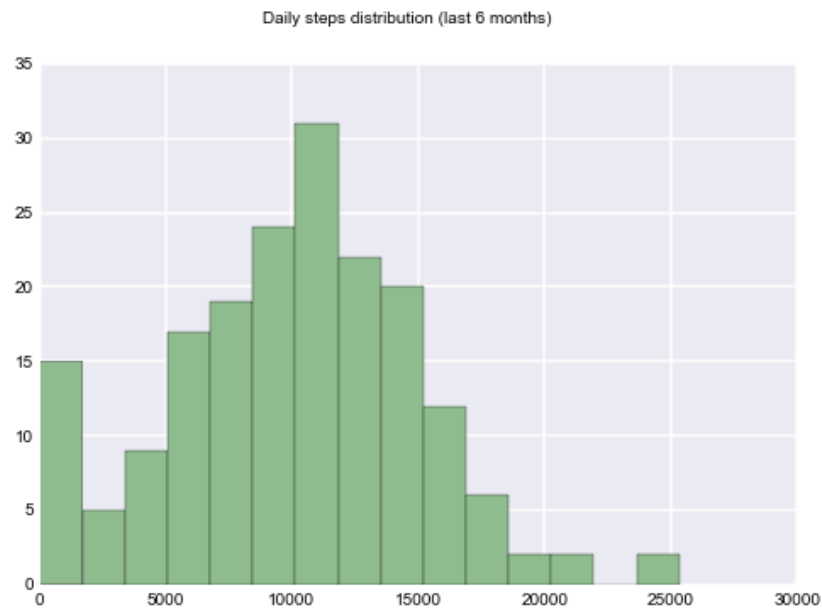
IP[y]: Notebook Fitbit Steps Last Checkpoint: Jul 25 23:48 (autosaved)

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2014-01-21 2014-03-12 2014-05-01 2014-06-20

```
In [11]: steps.hist(bins=15, color='darkseagreen')  
plt.suptitle('Daily steps distribution (last 6 months)')
```

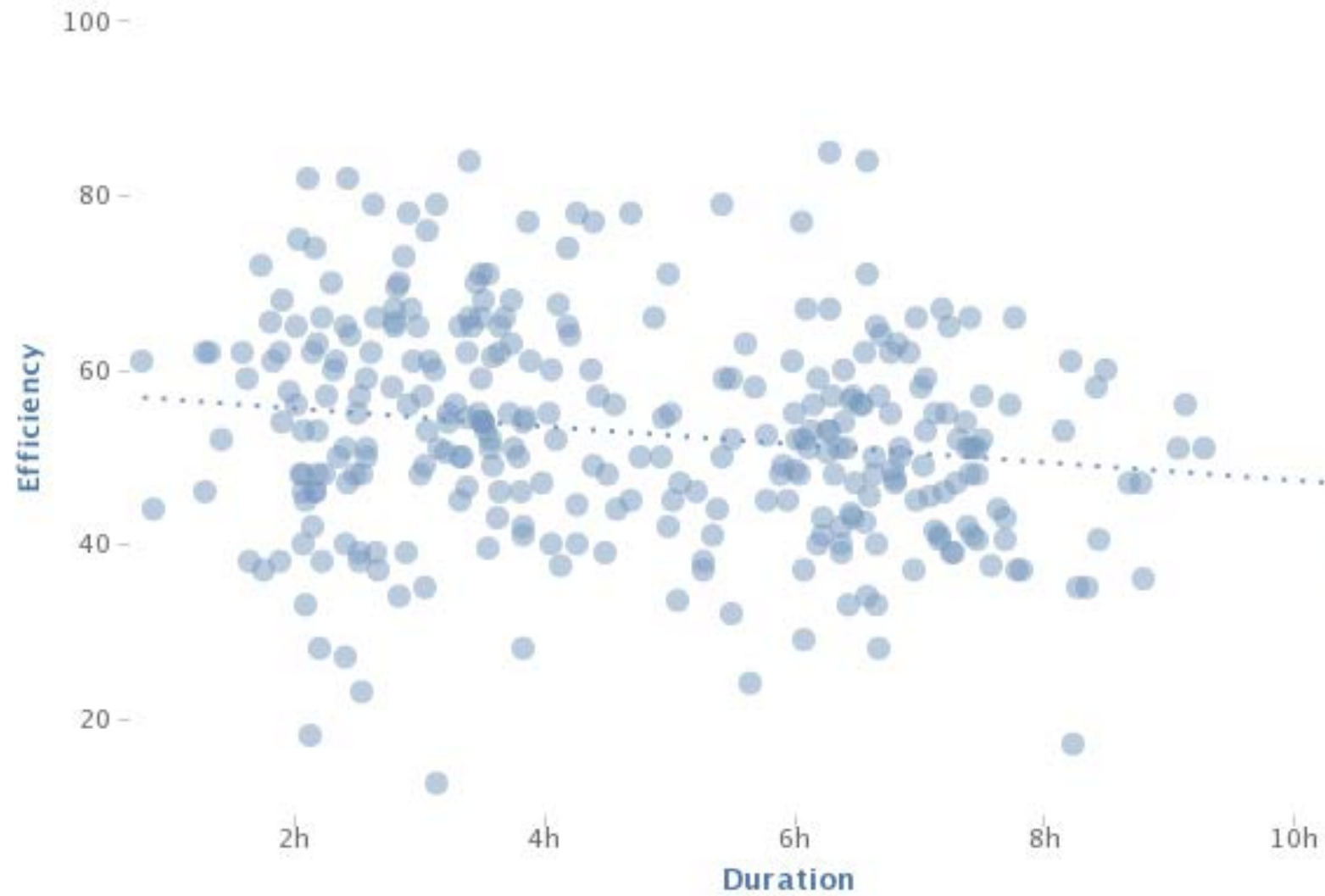
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Out[11]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x1095c9190>
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In [11]:



# Sleep Efficiency vs Duration



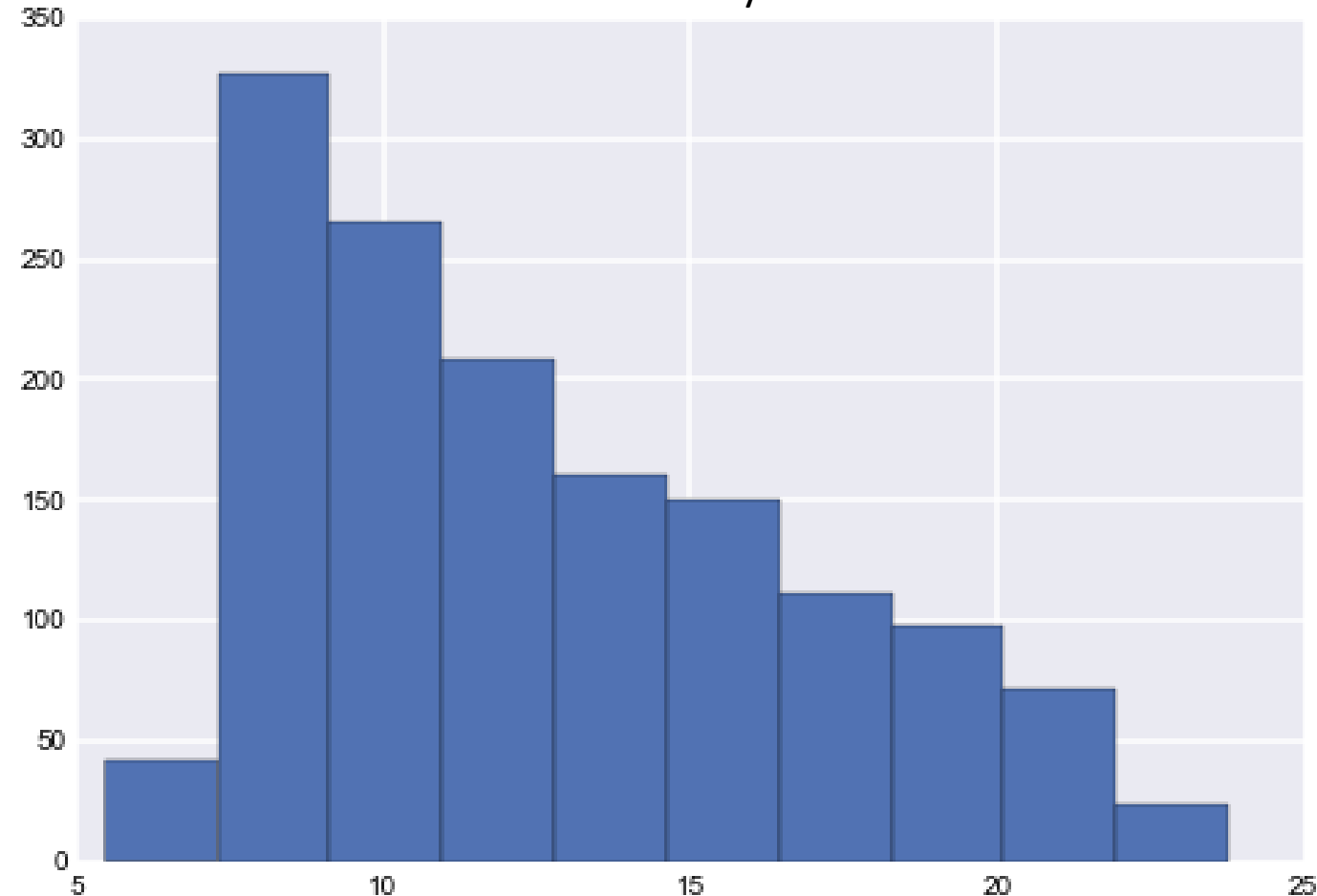
# Finding Answers within the Data

... even if I didn't know, that there was a questions ;)

**New questions arise while tracking**

**New possibilities with all the data**

Coffee Intake – Hourly Distribution



# Visualization and Data Analytics on Mobile Devices

## Many people use only apps

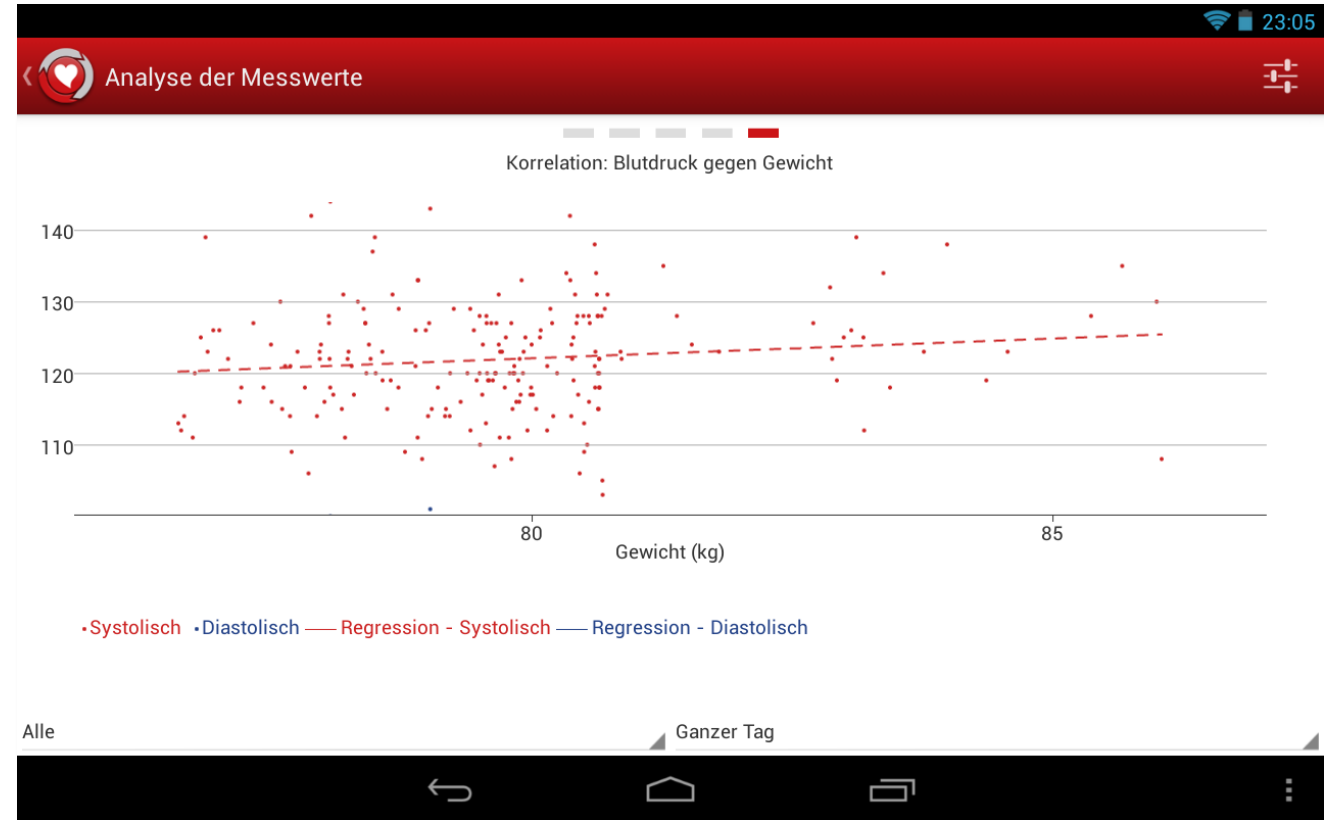
## Quantified Self apps

- Should have visualization
- Should have some data analysis

**As app developers, we would love to do that with Python**

## Requirements

- Good visualization components for mobile platforms (Android, iOS)
- Tools like NumPy, pandas, scikit-learn etc. available on mobile platforms





# Machine Learning

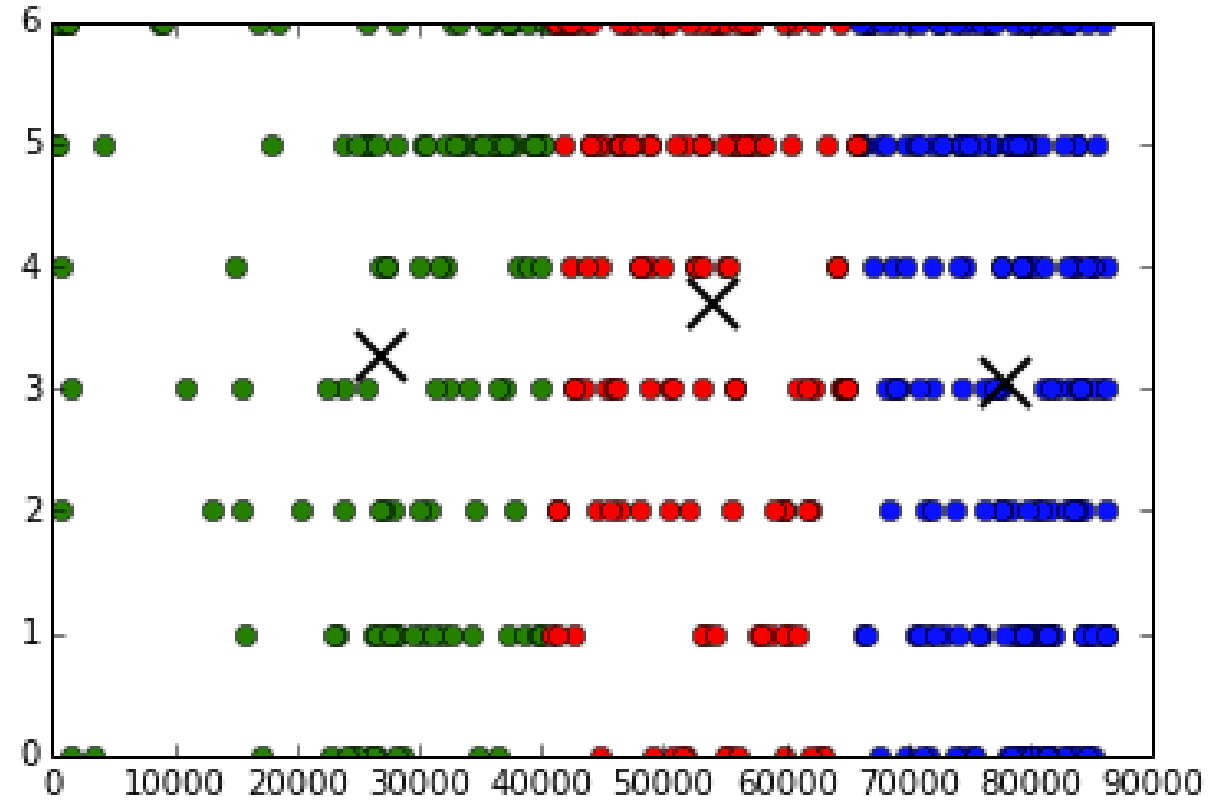
## Typical Use Cases (for Mobile Apps)

### Predicting Behavior Patterns

- Detecting medication non-adherence
- Remind users for measuring blood pressure
- Advice users to get some sleep

### Detecting stress and depression

- Stress detection based on heart rate variability (in combination with suitable Wearables)
- Depression detection based on communication behavior



# Fit4Duty (*under development*)

## Measuring cognitive performance

### Pilots and others

- Sleep Tracking
- Psychomotor Vigilance Task (PVT)

### Machine Learning for

- Predicting Fitness for Duty
- Predicting fatigue (during flights)

### Hardware and smartphone app



# Current Research

## Provenance of QS data

- Trust and Traceability of data
- Privacy audits

## Standardized APIs

## Code Offloading

- Moving code for computations to the cloud



# Thank You!



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